# PROPOSALS

Relating to the

## BILL for Transferring the *Duties* of *Aulnage*

To be Collected at the

# Cuſtom-houſe.

THE *Duties* and *Office* of *Aulnage* were granted by *Patent*, to the late Duke of *Richmond*, in the Year 1664. for a Term of Sixty Years paying a yearly Rent to the *Crown*.

The Dutcheſs of *Richmond* has now the Intereſt in the ſaid *Patent* for about Thirty three Years yet to come.

In the Year 1682. The Dutcheſs grants a Leaſe for twenty one Years, for 9000 *l.* Fine and 3138 *l. per Annum* Rent, out of which the Rent is paid to the *Crown*; ſo that the Rent reſerved to the *Crown* and *Patentee* is but 3138 *l. per Annum*.

Of this Leaſe Eleven Years are yet to come, and the Dutcheſs has a Reverſion of about Twenty two Years after the Leaſe.

By the Bill now depending a Duty is ſettled, which according to the Computation will amount to 5500 *l. per Annum*.

If the *Dutcheſs* and *Farmers* object, that the Duties in the Bill mentioned may not prove or hold to be of ſo great value; 5500 *l.* ſhall be paid down to the *Farmers* as a Proportion for the Fine they paid (for the Eleven Years they have to come) And 5500 *l.* more ſhall be paid down to the *Dutcheſs*, which is a full Propotion for a Fine for the Remainder of her Term.

And ſecurity ſhall be given by *Ten ſufficient Men* to anſwer the ſame Rent as is now paid by Quarterly payments during her whole Term and Intereſt, upon the transferring her Right and Intereſt in the Duties ſecured by the Bill to be collected at the *Cuſtom-houſe*.

And it ſhall alſo be covenanted, that if at any time they ſhall fail to pay the Rent at any of the Days of Payment, That then the *Dutcheſs* ſhall and may receive the ſaid Revenue at the *Cuſtom-houſe*.

So that the Rent to the *Crown* will be paid; The *Farmers* will have a *valueable Conſideration* for their Fine; the *Dutcheſs* will have a *better Intereſt and Security* than ſhe now has; For ſhe ſhall not only have the 5500 *l.* paid as a Fine, but the Security of Ten *very able Men* beſides the 5500 *l.* a Year at the *Cuſtom-houſe* to anſwer and ſecure the preſent Rent of 3138 *l.* for all her Term and Intereſt.